



**I CAN DO THAT!**  
Greater St. Louis Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America

## FAQ's

### Does the money stay in my District?

**Response:** Our Council serves nearly 47,000 youth each year. In order to be sure all youth have access to the programming, the donations are not necessarily given directly back to your District, however, your District receives equal program opportunities with everyone else.

### How much money does the National Council get?

**Response:** Of your FOS donation, no money goes to the National Council. All of the money we raise here stays local.

### Can I tell you where to designate my donation?

**Response:** We love hearing stories about what part of Scouting means the most to you! While you are certainly able to designate your gift, our Council leadership works with our volunteers and families each year to identify the areas of greatest need for the Council and we hope that you will make a general donation in order to provide the best Scouting experience for all youth

### What is the true cost of Scouting?

**Response:** Scouting varies based on the level of participation. An average cost for most youth is around \$200-\$250 and this does not include camping or additional activities. Can you afford to do more to help others? What is your Unit doing to help offset the cost for your families?

### Bankruptcy – is the Council financially stable?

**Response:** We know there has been a lot of press lately about the Boy Scouts. Please know that the Greater St. Louis Area Council is its own 501(c)3 and manages our own finances separately from the national organization. We are proud to have a very stable budget and a robust endowment. It is critical to us to continue to provide quality leadership opportunities for our local youth and feel strongly that we are in a position to continue to do so.

### Sexual assault – are there local cases?

**Response:** We know there has been a lot of press lately about the Boy Scouts. First and foremost, it is important for you to know that we believe the victims and we immediately turn cases in to local law enforcement. The majority of the cases you are hearing about are from decades ago. Our current youth protection standards are some of the strongest in the country. We pride ourselves in making the safety of our youth our number one priority.

### Covid 19—What are you doing to keep Scouting going?

**Response:** The Council continued to operate during the pandemic, providing programming and resources to units. Now that your unit is meeting again, you will benefit from these services as well. There is also a greater need for families who need financial assistance.